



## Cobb County Comprehensive Transportation Plan City of Powder Springs Public Meeting #1

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### City of Powder Springs

**Meeting Date:** April 13, 2006  
**Meeting Time:** 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.  
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Powder Springs Ford Center  
4181 Atlanta Street  
Powder Springs, GA  
**Attendance:** ≈ 43 citizens

### **Agenda**

Opening, Meeting Purpose and Introductions

Study Scope, Process and Schedule

Citizen Participation Program

Citizens Participate

Closing

### **Meeting Summary**

There were two separate sessions. At each session, participants were asked to sign in upon arrival and provided with project materials including a fact sheet, public meeting schedule, comment sheet, project business card and a meeting agenda. Area maps were on display for participants to review. Pam Conner, City of Powder Springs, called the meeting to order, recognized officials, welcomed the participants, and gave a brief overview of the project. The meeting was turned over to project consultant Marta Rosen, DWA, who introduced the project team and made a power point presentation on the study scope, process and schedule. Marian Clements discussed the citizen participation program. The presentation is a part of the record copy of these meeting notes and can be found on the Project website at: [www.cobbdot.org/ctp](http://www.cobbdot.org/ctp).

Citizens were asked in the meeting, to provide feedback on the following topics:

- How did you find out about this meeting?
- Describe your City and Cobb County, as you would like them to be 25 years from now. Include a description of your dream transportation system.
- What are the biggest obstacles to your ability to move about your City and Cobb County?
- What techniques would you recommend to increase citizen participation in this study?
- Are there any comments or questions about the meeting or the process for public outreach?

The responses are recorded below.

Participants were encouraged to spread the word about the study within their community, City and the County. They were also invited to visit the project website, located on the City and County websites, for updates to the study. The meeting was adjourned.



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### CITIZEN PARTICIPATION – 4:30 –5:00 p.m. Session

#### **How did you find out about this meeting?**

- Flyer – 0
- Email – 1
- Direct mail – 1
- County website – 0
- City website – 0
- Cobb Line – 1
- Road sign – 13
- Newspaper – 3 (Powder Springs Messenger, Marietta Daily Journal)
- Other – 0

#### **Describe your City and Cobb County, as you would like them to be 25 years from now. Include a description of your dream transportation system.**

- Non-stop East-West Connector
- Paulding County rerouted to interstate
- Silent trains through City
- Flyovers
- Senior transit buses
- Better unrestricted connectivity between commercial/business activity centers
- Mass/public transportation (fewer single occupant vehicles)
- All railroads will have overpasses/underpasses
- Dedicated truck lanes
- Roundabouts
- Well planned park & ride connected to mass transit – interconnectivity
- Interconnectivity between residential and employment centers in City/County.
- More bike paths – off trail connectivity
- “Jetsons” – space transit
- Sidewalks on both sides of street

#### **What are the biggest obstacles to your ability to move about your City and Cobb County?**

- Train tracks
- Crossing streets
- Not enough roads to commute from/to Powder Springs
- Lost Mountain/Rich and Sailors – hazardous intersection
- Congestion on Thornton Rd.
- Need to widen roads (Austell Rd.)
- Access management (curb cuts & median breaks)
- No service roads

#### **What techniques would you recommend to increase citizen participation in this study?**

- Notice in water bills
- Mail out surveys (zip code, bulk mail)
- More signs at congested spots



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- Cobb TV 23
- Schools

### **Are there any comments or questions about the meeting or the process for public outreach?**

- None

### **Action Items:**

- Add SCC Members to Project Website
- Add glossary of acronyms to Project Website
- Powder Springs Website under construction

## **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Session**

### **How did you find out about this meeting?**

- Flyer – 0
- Email – 1
- Direct mail – 4
- County website – 0
- City website – 0
- Cobb Line – 1
- Road sign – 16
- Newspaper – 2 (Powder Springs Messenger, Marietta Daily Journal)
- Other – 2 (Word-of-mouth, Keep Powder Springs Beautiful)

### **Describe your City and Cobb County, as you would like them to be 25 years from now. Include a description of your dream transportation system.**

- Truck traffic expansion on 278/Thornton Rd. (I-20 to railroad line)
- Faster moving HOV lanes
- Larger park & ride facilities
- No trains through Powder Springs
- Live/Work/Play – mixed use areas
- Bike/Pedestrian trails
- Protect downtown historic district. Use bypasses around downtown
- Restrict height of buildings downtown
- Make downtown more pedestrian friendly
- Better drainage systems in roads/streets
- BRT through Powder Springs
- Better connectivity between CCT & MARTA
- Local bus routes/stops in Powder Springs
- Alternative modes of transportation in Powder Springs
- South Atlanta Road extended to Atlanta (alternate road to Atlanta versus I-75)
- Better connectivity of trails and sidewalks including Silver Comet Trail. Tie into Atlanta & Beltline Project



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- Special incentives for alternative fuels (H+)

### **What are the biggest obstacles to your ability to move about your City and Cobb County?**

- Traffic congestion
- Train stops
- Access options to Powder Springs limited
- Not planning well enough for the future
- Not enough limited access roads
- Too much development along East-West Connector

### **What techniques would you recommend to increase citizen participation in this study?**

- City committees
- Larger signs
- More newspaper articles
- Permanent signs versus handmade signs
- Misunderstanding about the time (many expected meeting from 4:00 – 8:00 PM versus 2 meetings)
- 6:30 or 7:00 PM better start time
- Cobb reporter AJC – Tucker McQueen
- Comcast Cable channel
- Neighborhood meetings

### **Are there any comments or questions about the meeting or the process for public outreach?**

- Don't have meetings on same night as
  - Council/Commission Meetings
- Church nights